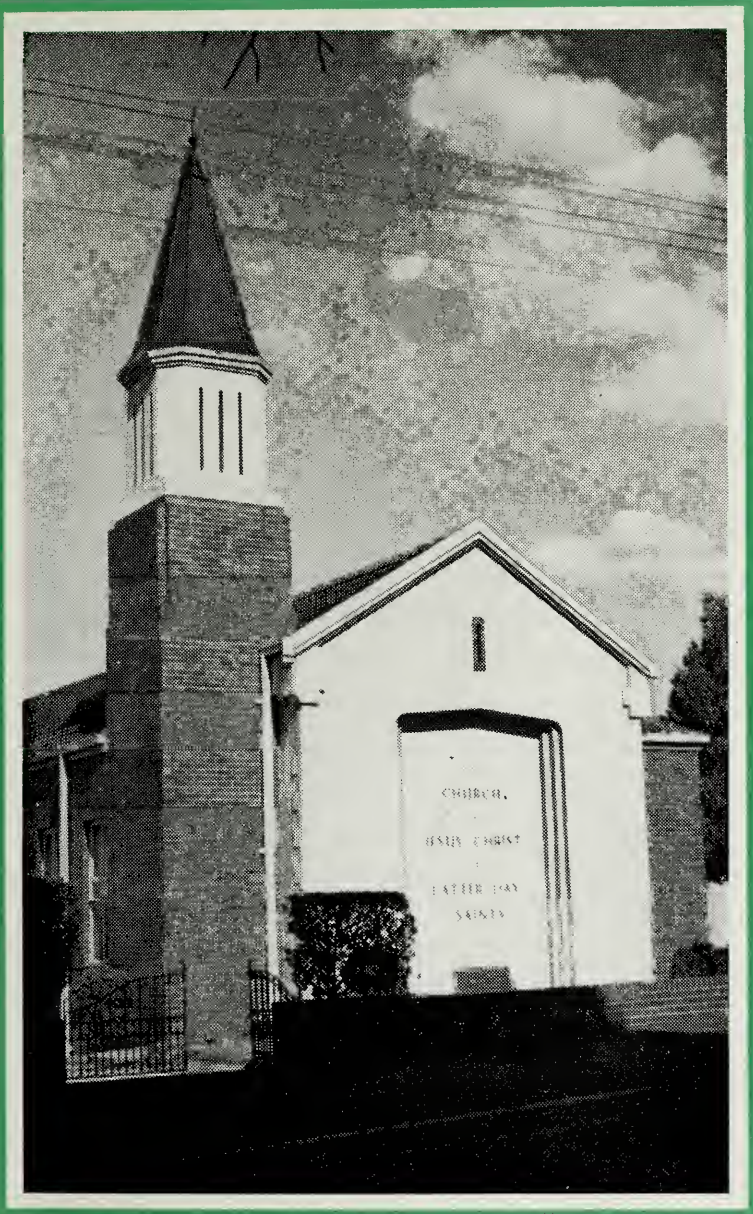

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A MESSAGE SUBLIME

AMIDST the tumult and anxieties of our modern age, we find the peoples of the world, poor and rich alike, wandering to and fro searching for eternal truths which will bring to them the peace and hope that every righteous individual in his own heart desires above all else. What is the answer to this inborn desire when the world presents itself as a portrait that is twisted and torn by colossal powers and ideologies, bickering and vying with one another for domination and supremacy? WHERE IS TO BE FOUND THE MESSAGE OF PEACE AND HOPE?

Is not this question similar to the one which aroused to action the inquiring mind of a simple plow boy? Joseph Smith, a young man of fourteen, lacking an education according to the standards of men, craved truth, which would bring to his soul peace by the simple application of the same eternal truths which he sought. The Lord promised this freedom from doubt when he said, "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32).

Unbeknown to the world at large, just 142 years ago, the "Dispensation of the Fullness of Times" was ushered in by the appearance of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, to a lad of fourteen years of age. Unobtrusively the rock was cut out of the mountain, and began to roll forward, ever so slowly at first, but ever so surely, until today it is rapidly deluging the earth. The Gospel of Christ, revealed through a simple, but humble prophet of God, the saving truths once more given to man . . . what a wonderful thought!

It brings wonder and amazement to the human mind to realize that to a simple plow boy of fourteen was revealed the sublime nature of our Eternal Father, and of the living reality of His Only Begotten Son. Indeed, what a blessing it is, and what a responsibility it is to know the destiny of man and his eternal potential.

Such a blessing, as we have, deserves our deepest gratitude by virtue of our actions to live the gospel principles, and to desire to share the eternal truths which have enriched our lives, with our brothers and sisters. Is there any greater means of showing gratitude to the Lord, other than by bringing the light of the gospel into the life of another?

The message of peace and hope has been revealed to the earth. LET THIS MESSAGE BE FOUND IN ACTION IN OUR LIVES! The Master asked those that followed him to let their lights so shine, that men would see their good works, and thus glorify our Father in Heaven. The true Gospel of Jesus Christ has been revealed to the earth, and the world chooses to call it "Mormonism". Mormonism is not just another way of life, but it is life, the life which was revealed and restored under the direction of the Saviour himself.

Let us never be lulled away by the sophistries of the world, but let us stay true to the gospel, and show to the world the message of Mormonism, which is simple and beautiful, but nonetheless divine. Mormonism is a message of hope, it is a message of peace, it is a message of salvation to all those who enduringly abide by its precepts.

CRS.

Church News From Around The World

MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD FOR SISTER LEE

"Sister Lee was truly a lovely and noble character. Gentle in nature, she possessed the tenderness and refinement which mark the perfect lady."

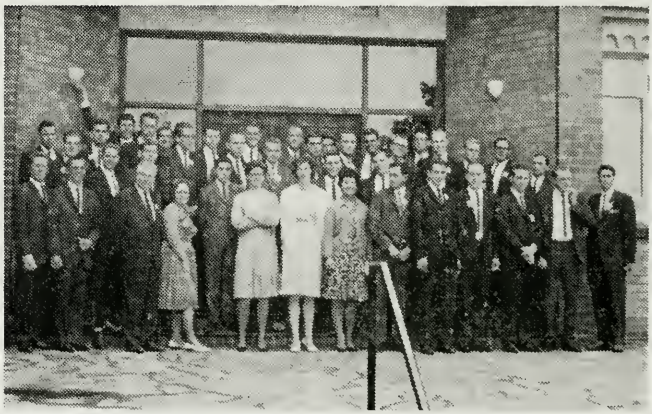
Such was the glowing tribute that President David O. McKay gave at the funeral services held for Fern Lucinda Tanner Lee, wife of Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve on September 24th, 1962.

The Saints of South Africa will long remember Sister Lee's example of devotion and faith from Elder and Sister Lee's visit in 1958.

CONVENTION TIME FOR MISSIONARIES

October 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th was convention time for the missionaries of the Transvaal and Orange Free State. During the four days of meetings and activities, the missionaries of the West Rand, East Rand, Pretoria and Tri-City districts discussed and learned new and better methods of presenting and teaching the gospel.

An annual highlight for the missionaries was the banquet furnished by the Transvaal District Officers and Teachers. Both the missionaries and the district officers enjoyed the delicious meal prepared by the Relief Society. Entertainment for the evening was provided by President Piet Faber and President Doug Hulbert who rendered a few delightful instrumental numbers on the guitar and piano. Brother and Sister Strydom of Krugersdorp

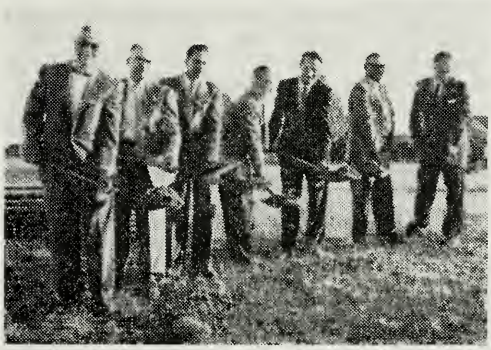


Orange Free State and Transvaal Missionaries meet with President and Sister Alldredge in Johannesburg.

President and Sister Alldredge with President and Sister Powrie, and President and Sister Faber enjoy Transvaal District Banquet.

and Brother Henry Matthews, a recent convert, all sang very beautifully. All in all it was a very fine evening for the members and missionaries to get better acquainted.

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW WELKOM CHAPEL



TURNING OF THE SOD

Left to right: President O. Layton Alldredge, President Andrew Robinson, Brother Gilburt, Brother Parkin, Architect, Mr. Lyle, Builder, Mr. Fisher, Quantity Surveyor, Mr. Wills.

The Ground-Breaking Ceremony for the Welkom Chapel was held on the 10th of October. In attendance were President and Sister Alldredge, and a number of members and visitors. It was a joyous day for the Saints of the Welkom area.

The site of the new chapel was purchased from the Welkom Municipality in one of Welkom's finest areas. The structure when completed sometime next year, will provide a spacious chapel, lounge, and cultural hall. Like other "Mormon" chapels it will include many classrooms, a kitchen, baptismal font and change rooms, plus a beautifully carpeted and draped Relief Society Room. The architecture of the chappel in Welkom is of a conservative contemporary design, which will feature extensive grill work over the windows to minimize the glare of the hot Orange Free State sun. The "Mormon" Church in Welkom will indeed make a striking contribution to a growing community.

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Philippians 4:8

A PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

(Sister Lorna L. Lloyd — East London Branch)

"WHO could have supposed that our God would have been so merciful as to have snatched us from our awful, sinful and polluted state?"

This verse from the Book of Mormon, in Alma 26 v. 17, has a very special and significant meaning for me. For it is through God's mercy that on 12th November 1962 I will reach my first anniversary as a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

How the time has flown, and as my memory wanders back over this past year, I find that these days and months have been filled with a host of happy memories, rich with many blessings, both spiritual and temporal. The growing understanding and knowledge of the truthfulness of the everlasting Gospel which began when the missionaries first brought the message into my home during October last year and planted the seed in my heart, to be nourished by my efforts in prayer and faith.

My heart overflows with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for this measure of joy and happiness that has been mine this past year. For I knew that if I listened to the promptings of that precious and priceless gift, bestowed upon me by the laying on of hands at my Confirmation, and was obedient to them, then through my darkest days there would always be that never-failing glimmer of hope and light to guide and comfort me and give me the courage to face all problems.

There have been many temptations to overcome, and almost a completely new way of life to begin. I realized for the first time in my life that I am indeed "my brother's keeper" and what I do or say to my fellowmen can either strengthen or destroy them. By my example I can lead or turn away God's children who are seeking the ruth.

This is what being a Mormon has taught me:

To be truly thankful at all times just for being alive and learning to live each day as it is given to me by the grace of God.

To make good use of the time given to me, if only by sharing this happiness and love of the Gospel with all whom I meet.

To be less selfish and more helpful to my neighbours.

To give thanks for just the ordinary everyday things, the ability to see, hear, feel and touch all the beauty of God's creations.

For the sunshine, or the soft rain, the sky and stars, the beautiful, silvery light of the moon, the pounding surf and the rolling, green, bush-covered hills.

For the many kindnesses shown to me by my fellowmen.

Above all, for the Sabbath day, the Sunday School meetings, the Sacrament services, the privilege I have in being able to renew my covenants with my Redeemer.

The joy of being able to worship our Heavenly Father with my brothers and sisters in the Gospel, my association with each and every one of them and the wonderful example and standards they have set me.

For my beloved daughter, Joan-Margaret, her wise counsel, love and encouragement to me. The testimony she has of the Gospel and the daily strengthening of mine.

I am so grateful, too, for the knowledge I have of the reason I am on this earth, for the opportunities which I have been given to strive for perfection and to progress.

I know I have much to learn, and many faults to conquer, but I also know that by diligent and sincere prayer I will eventually right the faults I have. So when I find myself getting depressed, or beginning to wallow in self-pity, I have only to pray, study the Scriptures or perhaps some Church literature, and soon the spirit of despondency is lifted from me.

Mormonism has taught me to count my blessings and, believe me, when weighed up against the trials and tribulations of life, they tip the scale every time; for my problems are small and my load light in comparison with those of my less fortunate brethren.

Yes! indeed I have been richly blessed, for I know beyond any shadow of doubt "Which Church is Right?" — that this is the true and perfect Church of Jesus Christ, restored to the earth by Him through the prophet Joseph Smith; I know that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God. I also know that if I live the principles of the Gospel more fully and more sincerely, my happiness and joy is secure and there for all time and eternity.

This is what the Church means to me, because I firmly believe that man, without the true concept of God, is nothing, no matter how rich, learned, or powerful he may be, and it is only by knowing this eternal truth that we are set free.

I sincerely pray that our Heavenly Father will give me the strength to overcome my many faults and weaknesses that I may be more worthy of these wonderful blessings and privileges that I enjoy, that I will be a better example to all my fellowmen. For the continual strengthening of the testimonies of both Joan-Margaret and myself. That His blessings will be with my teachers, who have done so much to help me this past year, and with those in authority, especially in this Branch.

I am deeply and humbly grateful to our Heavenly Father for the steady growth of the Seed of Truth within my heart, for the many prayers He has answered, His infinite mercy, love and blessings he has bestowed upon me.

May His choicest blessings rest upon the South African Mission, His messengers and each and every member of the Church, wherever they may be in this lovely land of ours. May Joan-Margaret and I always be steadfast members, ready at all times to answer His call, do His will and walk in His way.

THE CHANGING SCENE

From my window I have watched the ever-changing scene: first the brown and furrowed earth and then the hedge green. Now the yellow glory of the ripe upstanding wheat. The harvest time is come again, the cycle is complete.

From the window of my thoughts I watch the years go past: the gay romantic scenes of Spring, so sweet, too sweet to last. The golden days, the bloom of youth, the full and perfect flower. The crowning bliss of life fulfilled in Summer's glorious hour.

Changing scenes and changing seasons pass before the eyes — finding joy in everything the heart grows quiet and wise — knowing that each phase of life brings blessings manifold— seeing God in Summer's green and in the Autumn gold.

Patience Strong.

Smoking ? Lung and Cancer

Is cigarette smoking a cause of cancer? It is time that a clear answer was given to this question. Far too many conflicting opinions have been expressed on the subject—often opinions of people who, although experts in their own fields, are by no means authorities on the epidemiology of cancer.

And not a few smoke screens have been thrown out to obscure the relationship between smoking and cancer of the lung. I was shocked to read the following newspaper report:

"The National Cancer Association of South Africa is not convinced that smoking is a direct cause of lung cancer, according to Mr. A. W. Gover-Jackson, Secretary of the Natal Region of the Association.

Now that is a most misleading statement. Of course, cigarette smoking is not a direct cause of lung cancer. No one ever claimed that it was. There is in fact no "Direct" cause of cancer—or measles, mumps, tuberculosis or a bashed-in-head or anything else.

As Dr. Straus has stressed, "There is no one final cause of an illness. Aetiological (causative) factors are to be sought for at any or all of the following levels: 1. Psychic, 2. Somatic, 3. Constitution and genetic, 4. Social and enviromental."

INCIDENCE

Not every heavy cigarette smoker develops cancer of the lung. Nevertheless the incidence of lung cancer is much higher among heavy cigarette smokers than among light or non-smokers; and the younger they began to smoke and the more cigarettes they smoked daily, the greater the incidence of lung cancer among them.

In fact, the commonest type of lung cancer (squamous carcinoma) is not found at all among non-smokers.

If a non-smoker develops cancer of the lung, it is of another kind. either the glandular type (adeno-carcinoma.) or what is called oat-cell carcinoma.

The world famous lung cancer expert, Dr. Oscher, says that a man who smokes more than 60 cigarettes a day is committing suicide as surely as if he were putting a pistol to his head and pulling the trigger.

And the medium to a heavy cigarette smoker is surely playing a kind of "Russian Roulette" with himself. Each time he lights a cigarette, his or her chances of developing cancer grow greater and greater.

When his lungs can no longer take it they will develop cancer—whether he inhales or not, whether he smokes filter-tipped cigarettes or not.

TRIGGER

For the precipitating factor in cancer of the lung is a cancer-causing substance contained in the "smoke." In this regard we call to mind the

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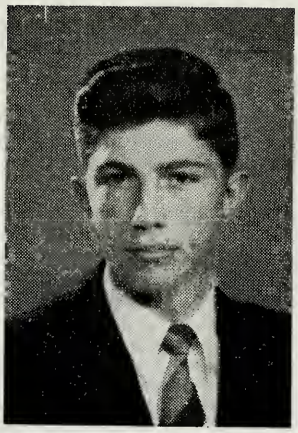

The Inspired Plan

Elder Neville W. Cramer

"REMEMBER the worth of souls is great in the sight of God. For, behold the Lord your Redeemer suffered death in the flesh; wherefore he suffered the pain of all men, that all men might repent and come unto him. And he hath risen again from the dead, that he might bring all men unto him, on conditions of repentance. And how great is his joy in the soul that repenteth."

Such were the words of the Lord to our beloved prophet, Joseph Smith and his companions in the newly restored Gospel of Jesus Christ; to which words he further added:

"And by your hands, I will work a marvellous work among the children of men unto the convincing of many of their sins, that they may come unto repentance and that they may come unto the kingdom of my Father."

The Lord has chosen you and I to be a part of it all, and through us the people of the world will recede the gospel. It can be no other way but through the human element, You and I.

The worth of souls is great! Seldom in the earth's history have the members of the true religion been in the majority. All those who have offered to give the truth to others have disappointments many times. But to us the words of the Lord re-echo in promise and power—"behold the field is white *already* to harvest." A call to us who are his representatives in his work and his glory. How are we to respond? In what way can we realize such a call?

Through the prophet, David O. McKay we find our answer . . . "Every member a missionary." The following are the things we do to be successful to the trust placed in us:

Write down the name, phone number, and address of each friend, relative, neighbour and business associate. When you have most of them, then discuss their interests and religions with the missionaries in your area so that their individual needs will be met.

As the opportunity arises contact each person and direct your conversation along certain lines. First emphasize how much your membership in the Mormon Church means to you, and how much happiness you have enjoyed while being in the Church. Then ask them about the Mormon Church. Invite them over to your home, where you have told them they will be introduced to the Elders, who will explain what a Mormon is.

With enthusiasm and the Lord's guidance you will find the future members of the Church. The plan which the missionaries have to teach the gospel by, is inspired, and they will do all to bring about a situation resulting in the people gaining a testimony of the Gospel truths we love so much.

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The Idea of Loyalty

Many ideals are taught in the church and chief among them I think is Loyalty. Loyalty is a characteristic that describes a person with genuine fibre and sinew of integrity. It is that something that can be acquired yet is never found in a spy or traitor.

A man is measured in part, not alone by wisdom, power, or wealth, but by his loyalty to his ideals. The world has caught its greatest inspiration from men who dared to dream and then remain loyal to their heavenly visions. An example of such a kind of man is the prophet Joseph Smith. He died with the testimony on his lips, that he saw our Heavenly Father and His Son, and that the gospel had been restored.

Another example is Jesus, who pictured a world in which all men are brothers and sisters; He died to make this goal possible. Someone has said that loyalty is love in action. Jesus loved us and he gave himself on our behalf. He looked upon men with the conclusion that they were worth every sacrifice.

Upon that hill shaped like a skull, he showed to us the true meaning of loyalty, he demonstrated how to be loyal to our ideals. What Christ did and was should command our loyalty.

Brothers and Sisters, my humble wish is that we may be true, and stand fast to our ideals. We must be loyal to our parents, our friends, our country, our beliefs and our God. There is a poem of inspiration which more beautifully illustrates the need of loyalty.

I WOULD BE TRUE

by H. W. Walter

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave, for there is much to dare;
I would be a friend of all, the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness;
I would look up and laugh, and love, and lift.

May the Lord bless us as we strive to make loyalty a part of our characters.

Joy MacAdam,
Ramah Branch.

THE INSPIRED PLAN (Continued from page 293)

Pray often as individuals, and in your family prayers ask for guidance in finding those to introduce to the Church. The Lord does hear and answer prayers, and thus we'll be sure to find all the honest of heart.

All over the world people are sitting-up and asking about this "Mormonism." Let us contact the people and show them the true Gospel, it is for their own good and salvation.

Be enthusiastic and active in your desire to serve our Father in Heaven, for the Lord will open up avenues for you to bring many to a knowledge of these things which we have been asked to give freely to all people.

The members of the Church will be the means of the Church growing and developing according to the promise and prophecies made of old. To each who succeed, how great will be their joy in the Kingdom of Our Father, for truly, "The field is white already to harvest."

BLESSINGS COME THROUGH SERVICE

(Tex W. Smith — Ramah Branch)

The great value I believe the Church has for us who hold the Priesthood is the opportunity it gives us to serve. For, after all, the greatest benefits of life and living come from service.

Generous, open-hearted service to our fellowmen is the thing which brings us the great happiness. Happiness that is lasting is the aim of every Priesthood-bearer. We can serve our families well and gain happiness by it; we can serve our friends and gain happiness by that service; so if we wish to be really happy and gain rich abiding blessings, we must serve, and serve generously.

Real happiness comes from observing the standards of the Church, and meeting our obligations to it is the spiritual value that any faithful Priesthood-holder can get out of service.

Let us always serve for the sheer love of service. May the bearers of "this Pearl of Great Price", the Priesthood, or the authority to act and serve in the name of God, be a service of happiness and love. May every Priesthood bearer always remember his covenant with God, accept the responsibility which it offers him and serve with a genuine love of God and his fellowmen. If he does this, he will never be disappointed in life.

People may not always seem appreciative of his service, but he will know deep down in his heart that he has done his best and that in itself brings great satisfaction. I believe this satisfaction comes from faithful service and a testimony that God is at the helm of the Priesthood and this Church.

Let us remember the words of the prophet Nephi and follow his sound counsel:

> "I will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them." (1 Nephi 3:7)

SMOKING AND LUNG CANCER (Continued from page 292)

agent that caused "chimney sweepers" scrotal cancer a product of incomplete combustion present in the soot of the chimney.

No, the agent in cigarette smoke is not the "direct" cause of squamous carcinoma of the lung: it triggers off latent factors that club together to cause cancer.

If we cannot find or control these latent factors, surely it is sensible not to pull the trigger? If you want to develop cancer at the age of 45, start lighting up your cigarettes when you are 20. If, however,, you'd rather put off cancer to a later age—say 75 don't light a cigarette till you are 50 years old.

Responsible medical authorities on cancer of the lung have asked me to request journalists not to treat this matter flippantly in their columns. Certainly it is not flippant subject.

If we digest and remember the Golden Rule that there is no one cause of cancer (or any other disease), we will think and express ourselves more clearly—and so get a more sensible concept of the ills that attack us.

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WHY THE M.I.A.

Sister Vivienne van Staden
(Pretoria Branch)

HOW shall I say it? You and I, the youth of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints may be asked this question, a big question that has not only one answer. As a member of this divinely organized auxiliary of the restored Church, I shall try to say what the Mutual Improvement Association means to me.

I would not trade it for any other kind of organization, for I have been to some others. I am grateful that our Heavenly Father inspired this auxiliary which meets a necessary and essential part of the growing and developing of the teenager. I am grateful that President Brigham Young, in response to revelation, organized the M.I.A. which is led by the Priesthood who act in the name of God; therefore, we know it is good and serves in the best interests of our gaining intelligence and glory—our motto is "The Glory of God is Intelligence".

We are told that we are in the world, but not of the world—to keep ourselves unspotted from evil. Because we live in this world, there are material influences that can affect us. In school, social and working careers, in entertainment, in the arts and sports, we come in contact with different habits and beliefs which are contrary to the teachings of the gospel. Therefore, the M.I.A. caters for our spiritual instruction and development and this is very important, for it helps determine correct decisions and wise actions in this life, which will ensure a continuation of it in the celestial kingdom.

I love the interesting lessons so carefully selected and written for us and then taught by such fine teachers. The awards given for certain accomplishments and achievements. The uplifting activities; the sport, drama, music, speech and dance festivals. The many different outings we enjoy as a group of young folk is something we look forward to eagerly and feel very grateful for, and I know that they have enabled me to make some fine and good friendships.

I shall always value the wonderful Mission M.I.A. Conventions; also the special M.I.A. Magazine, "The Improvement Era". I am grateful that this magazine comes into my home and provides such good reading matter.

The opportunity of service has been mine too, to act as Music Director and 1st Counsellor. It means work, and time must be spent to prepare for the different activities. Sometimes it is not all "plain-sailing", but I know it is all worth-while, because this is the true Church of Jesus Christ and the only way to salvation and perfection, giving one courage to carry on and to learn to do one's best in all kinds of situations.

MAY GOD BLESS THE M.I.A., and may we, the youth, help it to grow from strength to strength.

RELIEF SOCIETY COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

THE TOP THREE

Branch	Percent Attendance
LUANSHYA	100%
DURBAN	97%
KLERKSDORP	89%

	Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	No. of Magazines	Sick Visits	Visiting Teacher Visits
Bellville	8	5	62%	5	23	—
Bloemfontein	13	10	77%	9	16	20
Bulawayo	21	11	52%	—	2	—
Copperbelt	15	9	60%	9	—	—
Durban	30	29	97%	17	—	—
East London	12	5	42%	11	13	9
East Rand	17	9	53%	11	7	19
Klerksdorp	9	8	89%	—	—	—
Krugersdorp	20	12	60%	15	1	6
Luanshya	4	4	100%	4	5	—
Mowbray*	52	30	58%	23	70	96
Pietermaritzburg	10	6	60%	2	—	—
Port Elizabeth ‡	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pretoria	36	13	36%	23	—	21
Primrose	20	6	60%	7	—	—
Ramah	53	19	36%	23	10	98
Salisbury	14	8	57%	11	12	—
Springs	14	11	78%	17	14	20
Vereeniging	9	6	67%	5	3	—
Welkom	9	7	78%	3	—	—

* Apologies to Mowbray Branch. We reported 12 Visiting Teacher visits for the month of August. It should have read 92 instead.
‡ These branches reported too late to be included.

OPPORTUNITY

So long as men shall be on earth
There will be tasks for them to do,
Some way for them to show their worth;
Each day shall bring its problems new.

And men shall dream of mightier deeds
Than ever have been done before:
There always shall be human needs
For men to work and struggle for.

Edgar A. Guest.

The Value and Blessing of Activity in Relief Society

(Josie B. Bay)

ENGRAVED on a plaque above the door of a very famous restaurant are these words: "The secret of success, of happiness, of life is to give. Let man serve and somehow the Divine Law will find him out, be he ever so secretive about the service he renders. There is an immutable law of compensation that decrees: 'As you give so shall you receive'."

No greater opportunity for service has ever been offered to women, than that offered to the women of this generation through the medium of the Relief Society. Since the inception of this organization the lives of thousands of women have been made happy, glorified and enriched through active membership in this divinely inspired organization.

The Saviour, speaking to His disciples said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all *these things* will be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33) At the time the Saviour made that statement, *these things* meant only bread and raiment to those who listened. But Relief Society women, who have chosen to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, who have given willing service in Relief Society, bear testimony to the world that the blessings of "these things", spoken of by the Saviour, mean far more than bread alone. They, in their humility, have realised the promises made by the Saviour when he said: "I, the Lord, am merciful and kind to those who fear me and delight to honour those who serve me in righteousness and in truth unto the end. Great shall be their reward and eternal shall be their glory." (Doc. & Cov. Sec. 76: 5-7).

The reward that comes to women who have accepted the true purpose for which the Relief Society was organized, can only be fully understood and appreciated by those who thus serve. The Prophet Joseph Smith had an important purpose in mind when effecting this organization. This purpose he set forth, plainly, at the very first meeting of the Society when giving instructions to the first eighteen members, and Relief Society is obedient to the purpose of its organization today, as it was one hundred and twenty years ago.

The purpose as set forth by the Prophet is as follows: To care for the poor and the sick; comfort the sorrowing; save souls; build up and strengthen the morals of the community; raise human life to its highest level; elevate and enlarge the scope of women's activities; foster love for religion, education, culture and refinement; teach the gospel and develop faith.

To care for the poor and the sick and to comfort the sorrowing is the sweetest service rendered by Relief Society. Many homes have received both temporal and spiritual blessings from its members. Many hearts have been made lighter by a friendly call and a kind word from women of this Society.

And the reward that comes to women who perform this service, is to enjoy that inward feeling of satisfaction that comes from serving one's fellowmen. Above the mantle of one of the many fireplaces of the world's famous Mission Inn are inscribed these words:

I built a chimney for a comrade old
I did the work without hope of hire.
Then wandered on in winters cold,
Yet all the day I warmed before fire.

Active membership in the Relief

Society offers the opportunity for building close, warm, sincere friendships.

The second responsibility given to Relief Society is to "save souls". At a Relief Society Conference, President George Albert Smith said, "We must teach repentance, chastity, humility and take the message of faith and hope to our sisters."

And to those who are obedient to this counsel will come the blessings spoken of by the Saviour: "And thou shalt be a Saviour on Mount Zion and people shall rise up and call you blessed."

"To build up and strengthen the morals of the community and to raise human life to its highest level" is another important purpose of this organization.

The true Relief Society woman who has accepted responsibility in her community, because of her high standards, her example of excellent living, will do much to raise the standards of her community. And the reward for such activity is a better place in which to rear her children. A civic minded mother cannot help but instil in the minds of her children a greater love for the community in which they live, a greater desire to be a good citizen.

"To foster love for religion, education, culture and refinement. To teach the Gospel and develop faith" is a most important part of Relief Society. Class leaders everywhere have awakened in the hearts of many women a greater desire for education, a greater love for religion, a stronger faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And the reward that comes to women who thus serve, is an opportunity to grow in intelligence, to gain knowledge which will give her advantage in the world to come. Let us recall the words of the Prophet Joseph Smith: "And if a person gains more knowledge and intelligence in this life, through his diligence and obedience, than another, he will have so much the advantage in the world to come."

All of *these things* will come to bless the woman who is actively engaged in Relief Society work and there will yet be added blessings, for in the evening of life, when it is no longer possible to give active service, sweet memories will be hers. Memories that will bring happiness to the end of her days.

Patience Strong has expressed in her lovely poem, "The Beauty Reaper," the happiness that comes to those who serve.

Rich fields of beauty neath the sun
Are yours and mine, our heritage.
And there is work for everyone
And lasting joy is its living wage.

There are fields of precious sights
Where eyes may glean, if they but go
And garner such intent delight
That only beauty lovers know

There are fields of haunting sounds
Where ears may glean, if they desire
Such simple phrases as may yield
The music of a heart-strung lyre.

There are fields of precious thoughts
Where eager minds may daily stray.
Whose blossoms rare cannot be bought
But grow for all to bear away.

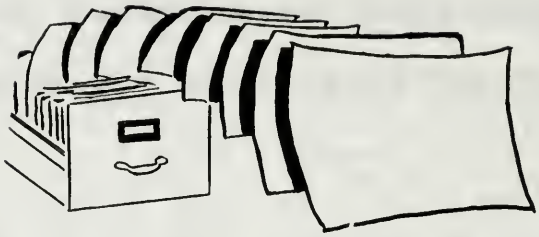
And there is yet another field
The field of service, far-flung wide.
The beauty that this field can yield
Above all else is glorified.

To be a reaper I must try
In fields that life has made for me.
My sheaves of beauty will I tie
With silken threads of memory.

Sister Amy Brown Lyman expressed the values and blessings that come from active membership in Relief Society, when at a Relief Society Conference she stood before the pulpit in all of her spiritual loveliness and said, "I am grateful for memories of past service."

Sister Lyman has tied her sheaves of beauty with "silken threads of memory."

Let us love and enjoy our work in this great organization that when our time to serve is over we too may say, "I am grateful for memories of past service."



FROM OUR FILES

Blessings

BELLVILLE
LE ROUX, Gabriel Jacobus
BLOEMFONTEIN
SIMPSON, Elvera
SIMPSON, Irene
DURBAN
ROBERTS, Arthur Douglas
ROBERTS, Rina Liugia
SCHUBACH, Veronica Denise
KRUGERSDORP
BERGÉ, Lynne
COOPER, Gary Edgar
HANEKOM, Dirk Jacobus
PRETORIA
BARNARDT, Willem Adam
BARNARDT, Joan Henrietta
CARTER, Edna Mayhew
TERBLANCHE, Stephanus Frederic
UYTENBOGAARDT, Ruth May
PRIMROSE
COETZEE, Cecil Walter
COETZEE, Mandaley Gwenn
COETZEE, Michael Noel
COETZEE, Sophia Maria
KING, Amy Francis
KING, Clyde William Henry
NORDEJE, Edward Bradley
NORDEJE, Edward Bradley Jr.
NORDEJE, Wilhelmina Catherine
SPRINGS
ADLARD, Leslie Herbert
ADLARD, Sandra
GEMMELL, Alice Heather

Baptisms

BULAWAYO
CURLING, Ruth Allison
NEWBOLD, Neville John
KRUGERSDORP
BERGÉ, Alan Craig
BERGÉ, Brian Kevin
BERGÉ, Martin Andrew
MARGATE
GRANTHAM, Sandra Joy
PORT ELIZABETH
GAMBLE, Venessa
RAMAH
CLARK, Debra Myrtle
WHITING, Stanley Kay

Deaths

COPPERBELT
STEVENS, Gillian Diane—daughter of Jack Walter and Elizabeth Dorothea Stevens of Lusaka, died 31st August 1962 at Lusaka aged 8 months.

MOWBRAY
JOLLIFFE, Arthur Anthony—died 23rd November 1960 at Claremont, Cape.

Marriages

BULAWAYO
ISAAC, Larraine Margaret—married 16th September 1962 to Trevor Stephen Bezuidenhout (non-member) at St. Stephens, Bulawayo.

KRUGERSDORP
BANFIELD, Frank Crowest Stanley — married to Kathleen Johanna de Beer (non-member) at the Ramah Chapel, Johannesburg, 6th October, 1962.
BORNMAN, Cornelius Johannes,—married 3rd March, 1962 to Joey Magrietha Elizabeth Joubert (member) at Ramah.
PETERSEN, Elrene Lynette—married 11th November, 1961 to Wessel Johannes Elardus Prinsloo (non-member) at West Krugersdorp.

Ordinations

BULAWAYO

HARRIS, Keith Allen—ordained a Deacon.
HARRIS, Stanley Errol—ordained a Deacon.
PEPPER, Arthur Vernon—ordained a Teacher.
VAN ZYL, Willem Marcel—ordained a Deacon.
VAN ZYL, Wouter Marian—ordained a Deacon.

COPPERBELT

CAMPBELL, Hugh Dudley—ordained an Elder.
McTAVISH, Creswell—ordained an Elder.

PRIMROSE

HEES, Christiaan Johannes—ordained a Priest.
WILSON, George—ordained a Priest.

RAMAH

BRUMMER, Johannes Paulus—ordained a Priest.
KINGSLEY, Peter Hugh—ordained a Deacon.
KOTZE, Willem Karel—ordained a Teacher.
MATTHEWS, Lyle Sherwell—ordained a Deacon.
WILSON, Arthur Gordon—ordained a Deacon.

SPRINGS

FUTTER, Ewalt King—ordained a Priest.
JUBBER, Kenneth Claude—ordained a Teacher.
KEUNING, Marten—ordained a Priest.
STEMMET, Joe Fredericus—ordained a Teacher.

WELKOM

BUCKLE, Thomas Johannes—ordained a Deacon.
NEL, Brian—ordained an Elder.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

ARRIVALS

ELDER WILLIAM J. BARNES—from Laveen, Arizona. Arrived October 17th 1962. Assigned to Pretoria.
SISTER LANA P. CHAPMAN—from Gallup, New Mexico. Arrived October 17th, 1962. Assigned to Durban.
ELDER JOHN C. LAMB—from Hyde Park, Utah. Arrived October 17th, 1962. Assigned to Pretoria.
ELDER JOHN SCOTT MATHESON—from Lincolnwood, Illinois. Arrived October 17th, 1962. Assigned to Kimberley.

RELEASES

ELDER RULON C. DUNCAN—from Centerville, Utah. Released November 24th, 1962. Laboured in Springs, Durban, Cape Town, and Mission Office. Served as Supervising Elder of Mission Home District, and Mission Secretary.
ELDER R. BRYCE LOWRY—from Cardston, Alberta, Canada. Released November 24th, 1962. Laboured in Brakpan, Johannesburg, Mission Office and Copperbelt. Served as Mission Secretary.
ELDER KENT F. OLSON—from Diamond City, Alberta, Canada. Released November 24th, 1962. Laboured in Durban, Johannesburg and Copperbelt.
ELDER N. LEROY STANKO—from Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada. Released November 24th, 1962. Laboured in Germiston, Durban, Welkom and Johannesburg.

TRANSFERS

ELDER A. JERALD MAUGHAN—from Cape Town to Benoni, October 19th, 1962.
ELDER VERL O. JONES—from Pretoria to Cape Town, October 19th, 1962.
ELDER ALMA W. DONLY—from Kimberley to Cape Town, October 20th, 1962.
ELDER BRUCE B. WINTERS—from Pretoria to Vereeniging, October 21st, 1962.

BRANCH REPORTS

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Denise N. Young

BLOEMFONTEIN Chapel was the venue of the first Orange Free State District Conference held on the 30th of September, 1962. Everyone was impressed with the lovely spirit which prevailed at the meetings. We were happy to have in our midst President and Sister Alldredge and President Powrie. They were our special guests at the Braaivleis which the Relief Society organised on Saturday evening. The members were entertained afterwards with some excellent performances put on by the Bloemfontein and Welkom Branches.

We extend to Sisters Elvera and Irene Simpson our sincere congratulations on their baptisms.

A surprise party was organised for our Branch President. Brother Harry Spear, on the occasion of his 50th birthday. We wish him God's choicest blessings in the work he is doing.

On October 7th baby Sharon Milne was blessed by her grandfather, Brother Pieter Milne.

Sister Mona Spear spent a lot of time last month nursing two very sick ladies. They were Mrs. Vincent and Mrs. Coleman. Both passed away on the same day within hours of each other. We offer our condolences to their respective daughters, Sister Milne and Sister Fry.

The Genealogy classes have now been completed and Brother and Sister Hefer have left for the States. We all gathered at the home of President and Sister Harry Spear one evening to say cheeerio and to wish them a safe and happy voyage.

October 7th was a momentous day in the lives of the Robb family. Brother James Robb was ordained a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood and his two sons, Melvyn and Chris were ordained Deacons. On the same day Brother Pieter Heydenrych was ordained a Priest. On conference Sunday President O. Layton Alldredge ordained Brother Malcolm Young an Elder.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Joan Clarke

ONCE again we have had the pleasure of seeing and hearing from President and Sister Alldredge who made a short visit to the Copperbelt on the 25th September. We were especially pleased to see Sister Alldredge looking so well. We continue to pray for a complete recovery from her injuries. Unfortunately there was not a very big turnout to the Conference, but all who did attend enjoyed the talks and the film shown by President Alldredge.

Sister Nield and two children made a short trip to Salisbury to see

her folks while Brother Nield was doing a week's army training. We are glad to have them back again. Another farewell has been said, this time to Sister Helen Gallon, her husband and four children who have left Chingola to make their home in New Zealand. We wish them happy journeys and every success in their new venture.

It seems that as fast as members leave us, others join us, and we are very pleased to welcome Brother and Sister Roberts from Durban. They are at present staying with Sister Dorothy McTavish, who is Brother Roberts' sister, and we hope they will enjoy being with us here on the Copperbelt.

Sister Munnick's leg seems to be taking a long time to heal but we pray that in time it will be completely healed. We also pray for Brother Robert Huntington of Chingola who sustained severe burns when he fell into some hot ash. We are pleased to report, however, that the doctors seem to be pleased with the progress he has made during the past few days.

As is usual in October, the weather here at the moment is extremely hot and we are all anxiously awaiting the much needed rain to cool things down a little. Our congratulations go to Brothers Hugh Campbell and Creswell McTavish, Snr. who have been ordained Elders in the Melchizedek Priesthood.

The Luanshya Branch has now been amalgamated with the Copperbelt and the Branch Presidency has now been re-organised with Brother Leonard Clarke as President, Brothers Philip Munch and Creswell McTavish as 1st and 2nd Councillors respectively. We are glad to have these Luanshya Saints join us and are sure we will all gain a lot from our joint efforts in serving our Heavenly Father.

Our best wishes to all the Saints of the South African Mission.

DURBAN BRANCH

Pat Kunitz

IT is good to see so many Investigators out to our Sunday Metings, and we appreciate and commend our Natal missionaries on their efforts.

We are very happy to have Brother Wendell Jakins back with us after 9 months of Army training in Bloemfontein. Parachute jumping has thinned him down quite a bit but Sister Winsome's cooking will soon put the pounds back. Brother Harland Doller has also recently rturned from 3 weeks Army training.

Brother Vic Henning (Vice-Chairman of the Natal Basketball Association), Marlene Henning and Alton, Leland and Harland Doller are in Port Elizabeth for the Basketball Championships. Brother Leland is playing in the Natal team.

We have been fortunatc in having many visitors this month and in particular we mention Brother Hutton from Pretoria who was able to give valuable and much appreciated help with the songs for the opening of the Pretoria Chapel.

Congratulations to Sister Ada Volker who has announced her engagement to Stephen Frost. We understand that the wedding will be in December.

Brother Vic Henning is Chairman of a special committee that is working with and for Youth in Durban. A special series of lectures was arranged in connection with Youth Leadership and our young people attended in force and benefited from lectures on such subjects as games, Leadership, Practical Speech Training, etc; all given by experts in their particular fields.

Brother Cliff Schubach and Brother Vince Doller have been holding weekly Genealogical Meetings to help and encourage the members in this important work.

We are going to miss Brother Cliff and his family when he returns to England in November. Not only is he Chairman of the Genealogical Society but also Branch chorister and director of our Magazine, "The Natal Church News".

We have had to say goodbye to Brother Jimmy Vigus who has returned to California. Sister Vigus and the children will be following shortly.

The Senior Aaronic Priesthood arranged a "Monster Fête and Spring Fair" on Saturday 29th September. The stalls and attractions were many and varied and a happy and profitable day came to a close with a Curry and Rice Supper and a Grand Variety Concert.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Rita Corrigan

WE are pleased to report that Sister Booysen is making good progress after the injury to her knee. With the aid of crutches she is able to get about once more, but it will be some time before she can dispense with this aid and hobble along on the leg iron. Now that the pain is not so severe, Sister Booysen is looking much better. In fact, the Relief Society sisters think she looks younger!

Sister Dawn Dewing was admitted to Frere Hospital on September 24, and underwent an abdominal operation. She was very low for a couple of days but her lively nature soon asserted itself and we hear that she had the ward in fits of laughter with her facetious remarks and antics.

Another member who has been on the sick list during the same period, is Brother Marriott, who suffered a severe bout of penicillin poisoning and was laid up for a short while.

Both little Colleen Krull and Sharleen Olsen contracted a form of mouth and throat infection but the wee lassies are over their indisposition and as lively as ever. Sister Goetsch's husband, who is an invalid, has also been very poorly these past months so Sister Goetsch has not been able to attend meetings regularly.

Congratulations to Brother Clem and Sister Janet Human on the birth of their third baby, a bonny boy, who came into the world on the 12th of October. Mother and baby are doing fine in the maternity ward of Frere Hospital.

A successful cake sale was held on September 29, the proceeds of which the Relief Society is holding to be used to help sister delegates attend the Relief Society Convention in Pretoria. The change of date has caused some upset but we hope East London will be represented there in November.

Brother and Sister Roux, Gerhard and Bekkie, are with us once more after a short holiday in the Transvaal. Sister Kotze is in East London again and we are pleased to see her at sacrament metings when she is able to attend.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Shirley Evans

THE Teachers Training Course Graduation Service was held on September 16th. We congratulate the teacher, Sister Anna Cloete and the members of her class, namely Sister G. Van Zyl, Sister Daphne Alexander, Sister Shirley Evans, and Brother Gert Cloete. The guest speaker was Brother I. Milne who gave a very enlightening and inspiring talk on the calling of a teacher in the Gospel.

We welcome into our midst a new member, Sister Johanna Pienaar. Although Sister Pienaar is over seventy we feel sure that she will be an active member in attending services.

Congratulations to Brother Henry Lewis Jacobs on his ordination as

a Deacon and to Brother Valley Jacobs on his advancement in the Priesthood to the office of a Teacher.

We are sorry to report that Brother Fritz is still very ill. Our prayers are with him as well as Sister Elaine Spandow, Sister I. Engelke and Sister Norma Bester.

Elder Berkley Dale Thompson is now labouring in our district. We pray for a blessing on him and his companion Elder Dale G. Wilder as they go about doing the work of the Lord.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Charmaine Greyling

WE would like to congratulate Brother and Sister Levy on the birth of a bonny daughter, Diane, and long awaited sister for Francis.

We are very happy to welcome Brother Dirk Hanekom and Sister Lynn Bergé who were baptized on the 29th of September; also Sister Bergé's three sons Martin, Brian, and Allan, who were blessed on the 30th September. We pray the Lord will bless them and guide them at all times.

With much regret we say farewell to Brother Du Plessis and family who have returned to Pretoria. Sister Christine did a fine job in the branch and we'll miss this family very much. We also bid farewell to Brother Toni and Sister Shelly Kruger and family who are on their way to Holland. We hope they will be very happy there.

The Sunday School had a Braaivleis on the 22nd of September at the home of Brother and Sister Cherret which was very much enjoyed by all.

Carletonville Branch has pleasure in announcing that a bonny daughter has been born to Brother and Sister Bornman; this birth makes history as it is the first baby to be born in the Carletonville Branch. Congratulations to Joey and Connie.

The M.I.A. is doing fine; a few of the young ones attended the Gold and Green Ball at Ramah and enjoyed themselves very much.

Gary Edgar Cooper was baptized on the 30th of September; we welcome Gary to our branch and may God bless him always.

It was good to have Brother Jan Joubert back with us for a few days as he has spent nine month in Walvis Bay for military duties. He has now been transferred by the G.P.O. to Piet Retief.

We are all very pleased to see Sister Alldredge getting around again.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Eileen van Staden

THE month began with eight baptisms, Brother and Sister Cornelius du Preez and two children, Sisters Yvonne Miessner, Colleen Muuren, young Sister Annamarie van Vuuren and Brother Francois du Preez. We are so happy to report that these new members are very active. We wish them joy and success in their work.

A great deal of progress has been made on the "Chapel Deseret". President and Sister Alldredge have been out to make a number of alterations, all of them for the better; and also to choose the carpeting and curtains. We pray that all will be ready for the opening of our Chapel. Our excitement is quickening as the days race by.

We are happy to welcome Brother Charl and Sister Christine du Plessis and their three little boys back to Pretoria.

The Melchizedek Priesthood organized a social evening for their wives and children. We did enjoy being waited on by these fine men. Deliciously-fried boerewors, rolls, buns, spiced cake and cool drinks proved very appetizing. The numerous children were entertained with games and dancing. The evening was well spent; we look forward to another. Thank you

organizers and Brother and Sister H. du Preez for your home!

The Genealogical Society arranged another Bio Evening, showing "Not As a Stranger". It was yet another great success.

MIA Vanguards presented the recording of "The Snow Goose" for the monthly Fireside. It proved an uplifting entertainment for us.

Brother Theo Richards was the Branch MIA Speech Competitor and very ably represented us at the District Speech Festival held at Ramah. Congratulations Theo.

The Annual Gold and Green Ball sponsored by the MIA was held this month at Ramah. A goodly number from Pretoria attended and swelled the already big crowd. It proved to be a wonderfully successful evening. Pretoria MIA provided the plentiful and tasty eats, and none went hungry. Thank you and congratulations to all those who worked to ensure such a successful and happy evening. Everyone was happy to have President and Sister Alldredge in attendance for a while. We appreciate it especially as they had just arrived home from a trip to the branches in Rhodesia.

Jan Cachet, a Junior Sunday School Teacher, took his class on a five mile hike and in the evening roller-skating. They were joined by many more young ones. The next morning all reported for Sunday School, including the teacher with bandaged hand, but all enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to Johan Muller, who is still quite a new member, on successfully graduating from Primary to M.I.A.

Congratulations to young Roberta van Staden for her success in passing her Grade II Music Examinations.

There were 138 people present at Fast Sunday Service. Five new converts; Brother Steve Terblanche, Sister Ruth Uytenbogaardt, and the Keyter Family were among those present. We wish to take this opportunity to welcome these wonderful people into the Branch.

We pray that those who aren't so well will soon be themselves again and be able to join in the meetings.

RAMAH BRANCH

Miriam Nicholls

OUR branch is still increasing in numbers; and to all newly baptized members we give our congratulations and the sincere wish that they will be extremely happy with us.

We extend our best wishes to all the parents of the babies who were blessed this month; may they have great joy in rearing their children.

Our Primary evening service, under the supervision of our Primary Mother, Sister Veale was really a delightful service. The patience and diligence of the teachers is really rewarded through the outstanding efforts of these children. They are certainly being trained to be the leaders of tomorrow.

The Gold and Green Ball was well attended. A supper and floor show was provided and certainly enjoyed by all.

On the Friday before the Transvaal District Conference, the Relief Society prepared all the food for a Banquet which was attended by all the District Officers and Teachers and the Missionaries from the Transvaal and Orange Free State. The tables looked most attractive with bowls of flowers most artistically arranged by Sister Purchase. Sister Ivy Clark's mother sent all the flowers which we think is most kind of her as she is not a member of the Church. We congratulate the Relief Society sisters on their hard work and for the manner in which they prepared and served the delightful meal.

Ramah members certainly enjoyed the Transvaal District Conference and we were very fortunate to have three Ramah Elders up for Conference; Elder Chater, Elder Donly, and Elder Nicholls. They are all well and extremely happy and seem to have matured since being on their missions. We must mention that we were all pleased to see Brother and Sister De Wet who came up for Conference, from Bethlehem. It was really lovely to see them.

Brother Tex Smith presented Brother and Sister Nicholls with a beautiful travel clock as a farewell gift from the M.I.A. They were overwhelmed at such generosity and said that they loved M.I.A. and their association with the Saints. On Sunday the 14th October Brother and Sister Nicholls said farewell and they are now on their way to Zion.

We'd like to congratulate all the brethren who have been advanced to or in the Priesthood reecntly. We wish them great happiness in their new assignments.

On Wednesday the 10th, which was Kruger Day, the M.I.A. went on a picnic to Van Wyks Rust. Although it was a cold day, we enjoyed it all the same.

Brother Clive Nicholls and Sister LaVerne Park were married at Mowbray Chapel on the 13th of October. We hope they have a very happy life together. May our Heavenly Father bless them abundantly.

We come to the end of another wonderful month and send our love to all members everywhere, especially those in the South African Mission. We pray that they will grow in spirituality daily and be greatly blessed.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Jean Schonnberg

SALISBURY, although in a shimmering welter of summer heat, nevertheless has a charm all its own at this season of the year. It was at this time that President and Sister Alldredge came to our lovely city. The Saints certainly appreciated the spiritual blessings and encouragment which they brought with them. We were particularly happy to have Sister Alldredge here, fully realizing the special effort it had cost her to travel. It was good to have Sister Alldredge meet with the Relief Society sisters during their regular weekly meeting.

On Saturday the 22nd of September, a Relief Society Presidency meeting was held presided over by Sister Alldredge who gave counsel and advice on ideas for bazaars. Following at 7.30 p.m. a Branch Officers and Teachers meeting at which President O. Layton Alldredge showed a splendid film produced at the Brigham Young University. The theme of it was the reasons given by some of our most eminent scientists for their firm convition and belief in God. Later President Alldredge addressed the gathering after showing the film.

Conference Sunday was a lovely day, and preceding the main session we held Priesthood and Relief Society meetings. The theme for conference gave rise to some very inspirational talks "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them". Those given by President and Sister Alldredge particularly left one with much spiritual material to digest and the sense of a worth-while and great day well-filled. During the evening session Brother Noel Storey was released from his position as 2nd Counselor in the Branch Presidency due to his impending departure for Cape Town. Brother Alexander Corbett was sustained as 2nd Counselor. We pray our Heavenly Father will continue to guide and direct Brother Corbett in this calling. We thank Brother Storey for his work for the Branch during his tenure of office. Brother Arthur Pepper was advanced to a Teacher in the Aaronic Priesthood.

We are happy to welcome Brother Richard Olds into membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Brother Olds, a veteran of 82 years, entered into the waters of baptism on the 6th of October and was baptized by Elder Luthy and confirmed by Elder Smith. We pray for a special blessing on this dear brother who has searched so long for the truth. May he find joy and peace through the gospel.

At M.I.A. on September the 25th, members and friends were delighted to make the acquaintance of Brother Jack Yerman from San Francisco, who was one of a team of 8 who have been touring Africa arranging clinics and lectures on Track and Field. He has also competed with local athletes. Brother Yerman was himself a Gold medallist at the Olympic Games in Rome. He is a living example to our young people of the values gained from living the Word of Wisdom to the full.

On the 7th October the Saints met at the Lapin home and were privileged to hear part of the 6th Session of the 132nd General Conference relayed from Salt Lake City. Elder Marion G. Romney's address "Look to God and Live" being particularly inspiring. When Brother Gordon-Carroll returned home he was fortunate to be able to tune in on his battery operated set to hear the conclusion of the Conference.

The Saints in Salisbury send greetings to all other branches of the South African Mission.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Melaney Peterson

THERE is a sad lack of news this month, mainly due to the fact that everyone's attention was focussed on our District Conference. However we can report that Springs Branch has enjoyed a month filled with blessings from our Father in Heaven and that we are all striving together towards our ultimate goal.

On Sunday the 16th of September the Men and Gleaners held a fireside at the home of Brother Val van Niekerk, and those who attended enjoyed the programme, which consisted of three of our young people giving their reasons for liking a particular field of music—classical, popular, and jazz.

Another of our young men in the Church has followed the call of the army, and has started his training. Brother Bob Wilson was guest of honour when the M-Men and Gleaner class gave a small farewell party for him before he left us. We do miss seeing him and Brother Tony Storror and Brother Cedic Mew. We know that quite soon we'll have all three of them back with us again.

Our congratulations go to Brother Noel Futter and Sister Joan on the arrival of their new son, Gordon Barry, who was born on the 30th of September, and weighed 7 pounds and 6 ounces. We know that he will be a real joy to you!

Sister Ann Jubber is back with her family after her recent operation. We are glad that she is in good health again, and ready to carry on with her excellent work in the Relief Society. This is also a good time to congratulate Sister Ann and the Relief Society Sisters on the excellent job they made of the catering at the District Conference. We're proud that you belong to Springs.

Springs has long felt the need for expansion as our present classrooms cannot meet our needs. Funds are growing for the R30.000 extensions which are planned, and President Hulberts' aim is that we should start building in mid 1963.

Our greetings to all the other branches with our prayers for their prosperity.

VEREENIGING BRANCH

Rowland S. Roberts

THERE are three Baptisms to report this month. Brother and Sister Maree of Vanderbyl Park, and Arthur Partridge, son of one of our members. We heartily welcome them and encourage them to follow the

commandments and we are sure the blessings will follow. Our prayers and fellowship are available to them at all times.

Brother and Sister J. Erlank Slabbert are very pleased with themselves on receiving an addition to their family. They have been congratulated and we pray the Lord's blessings on their first son.

Congratulations to Brother Hansie Brummer on being ordained an Elder; we wish him all the blessings which come from righteous living and honouring his Priesthood.

Our sympathies and prayers are for a speedy recovery of the daughters of Brother Hansie Brummer. They sustained injuries in a recent car accident on the Johannesburg Road.

The M.I.A. put on a floor show at the Gold and Green Ball which was voted a great success. The Ball was well attended by members and a good time was had by all.

Primary is still going strong and attendances are good. The Relief Society is very active as well. Some of the members are taking part in the practices of the Singing Mothers' Choir, at Ramah, for the opening of the Pretoria Chapel.

The Vereeniging Saints send their good wishes to all their Brothers and Sisters everywhere and pray that the Spirit of the Lord will continue to prosper them.

WELKOM BRANCH

Arlene Gilburt

AT LAST . . . At last, but the best is always kept to the last.

On September the 8th, Welkom had its Branch Conference at which we were grateful to welcome the following visitors: President and Sister Alldredge, President Powrie, President Spear and Brother Malcolm Young the District Clerk. We were very pleased to see Sister Alldredge up and about again, even though she is still using the crutches. We are pleased to say she is now very much her old self again, and feeling just fine. Brother Gordon Gilburt was sustained as 1st Counsellor and Brother Bill Beldon as Branch Clerk in the Welkom Branch Presidency. Brother Brian Nel was ordained an Elder and Brother Tom Buckle was ordained a Deacon. We congratulate these brethren on their advancements and may the Lord bless them with guidance and inspiration in their work. There was a wonderful vibrant spirit throughout the whole conference, also a great feeling of love and unity.

A braaivleis and film show was held on the Saturday night prior to the Sunday Services, which was very well supported by the Welkom members. Although the weather was cold the folk never suffered as they were all huddled together under numerous rugs on the lawn of President Robinson's home, to see the very fine films presented to them by President Powrie.

Some of the members of our branch were very fortunate to be able to attend the first district conference to be held in the Free State. This conference was held in Bloemfontein on September 29th and 30th. The conference got off to a very fine start with the baptism of two new members of Kimberley Branch. To these new sisters go our congratulations and may our Heavenly Father bless and guide them in the future. In the evening a braai was given to all members, after which a concert was held. I must say that all those who took part in the concert really excelled themselves, especially the missionaries. I am ashamed to say that the Welkom Branch Relief Society was caught unprepared, but did rather well with such short notice in which to prepare a skit. They certainly will be prepared for all such things in the future. On Sunday we had two sessions of Conference and when we left for home we were all re-fueled ready to do great things

to glorify our Father in Heaven. It was wonderful to see President Alldredge, Sister Alldredge and President Powrie again at District Conference. We give our sincerest thanks to Bloemfontein members and Bloemfontein Relief Society Sisters for making it possible for the Welkom members to stay over for the weekend. Thanks also for the wonderful seats which were so kindly prepared for us. It was just great to meet and to get to know our Brothers and Sisters of Bloemfontein and Kimberley Branches. May our Father bless you for your love, kindness, and hospitality which you showered upon us.

The Priesthood holders organised and held a Horse Show at the Welkom Showgrounds on October the 6th. This was a very big project as it entailed a great amount of work, but true to good Mormon style no one shirked their share of work. The net result of the Horse Show was a great success. For those who were not so "Horsey' there were trampolines and Buzz-bike races (metal horses). The buzz-bike races proved to be very exciting also very, very noisy. Congratulations to Brother Gilburt for winning first prize with his horse Bumper in the Hunter Class. Thanks must also be given to the Relief Society for the fine work which they did also, for the fine and tasty eats which were served at this function. We were pleased to have a few of the Bloemfontein members come through for the Horse Show, although we must admit that we do not think that they saw much of the show, as they were soon roped in to give a helping hand, to them go our thanks. The proceeds of this function are for Building Funds.

At this time we want to extend our sympathy to Sister N. Beldon and her family on the sudden death of her sister. May they soon be comforted in their loss.

At present there is an epidemic of Measles in the Free State, and I have just heard that Sister Bricknell and one of her sons have gone down with it. I am sorry to report that Sister Joyce Parkin is once again back in the hospital with her old back trouble. There is a great possibility that Sister Parkin will have to undergo a major operation soon. We wish her to know that all our prayers will ever be with her, and that we sincerely hope she will soon be back with us again. President Robinson has not been keeping in the pink of health lately, but he knows the Lord will always watch over him and give him strength to carry on. We wish all members who are ill at this time a speedy recovery.

The Relief Society sisters are really working hard at their practices for the opening of the Pretoria Chapel. They are really singing like nightingales under the able direction of Sister Pat Robinson. The sisters are really looking forward to the opening of the Pretoria Chapel.

At last the long awaited time has arrived. Welkom has started the building of their Chapel. A ground breaking ceremony was held at the site of the Chapel on Wednesday, the 10th of October, 1962 at 5 p.m. We were honoured to have President Alldredge and Sister Alldredge, and also Sister P. Nicholls with us for the ceremony. President Alldredge and President Robinson addressed all those who were present. The messages given were most inspiring and really reflamed our enthusiasm to go forward and become diligent labourers for the Lord. President Alldredge stressed the fact that the Chapel will always be open for all who wish to serve their Heavenly Father. The plans for the Welkom Chapel are beautiful and will enhance the beauty of the Goldfields. The sun's rays shone down upon us as we were gathered around to witness the turning of the soil. We know that the Lord has truly poured down many blessings upon the Welkom Branch. Our sincerest thanks to our Heavenly Father and all the Saints who have helped to make our dreams become a reality. Our humble prayers are that we may always be worthy members of our Father's Kingdom. Further news of the progress of our chapel will be given in the future C.S.M. magazine.

We send greetings to all the Saints in the Mission, and we are truly thankful to the Lord for his many blessings that he has bestowed upon us.

LOCATION OF BRANCH OR DISTRICT

Meeting Place

TRANSVAAL

RAMAH BRANCH

Meetings: 1 Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg. Phone 24-3669.

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

Meetings: Krugersdorp Town Hall Lecture Room.

SPRINGS BRANCH

Meetings: 23 Eleventh Street, Springs. Phone 56-7191.

EAST RAND BRANCH

Meetings: 115 Whobarn Avenue, Benoni, Tvl.

PRETORIA BRANCH

Chapel, Devenish Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria.

PRIMROSE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Meyer Street, Germiston.

NATAL

DURBAN BRANCH

Meetings: 144 Silverton Road, Durban. Phone 4-9369.

MARGATE BRANCH

Meetings: Moth Hall, Margate.

PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

Meetings: Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street.

CAPE

MOWBRAY BRANCH

Meetings: Cumorah, Main Road, Mowbray. Phone 69-8718.

BELLVILLE BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Talent Street, Parow.

EAST LONDON BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Belgravia Crescent, East London.

PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer, Port Elizabeth.

KIMBERLEY BRANCH

Meetings: Better'ole Cafe, Permanent Street, Kimberley.

ORANGE FREE STATE

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH

Meetings: Chapel, end of Voortrekker Road. Phone 8-0702.

WELKOM BRANCH

Meetings: Masonic Hall, Stateway, Welkom.

RHODESIA

BULAWAYO BRANCH

Meetings: Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Avenue, off Lebangula St.

COPPERBELT BRANCH

Meetings: Frederick Knapp School Hall, Boma St., Kitwe.

SALISBURY BRANCH

Meetings: Sons of England Hall, Inverness Road, (off Jameson Avenue East), Eastlea, Salisbury.

GWELO BRANCH

Meetings: Riverside School, Athlone Drive, Gwelo.

LUANSHYA BRANCH

Meetings: 121 "F" Avenue, Luanshya.

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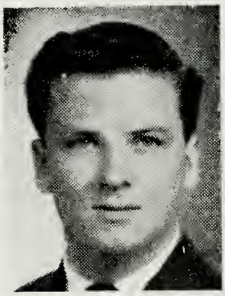

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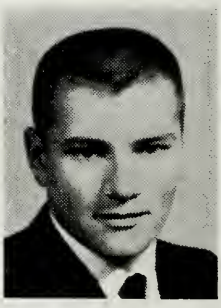

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